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TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Indian Health Service (IHS) Providers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Clarification of Claim Submission for the Health Risk Assessment (HRA)

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

The Healthy Behaviors program for both the Iowa Wellness Plan and Marketplace Choice Plan was announced in [Informational Letter No. 1387](#)¹ and claim submission requirements for the HRA were outlined in [Informational Letter No. 1415](#)². The IME would like to further clarify how claims may be submitted when incorporating the HRA results into the member's care plan.

In a situation where the only claim line being submitted is Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 99420 with the UB modifier, the claim should be submitted with a diagnosis code determined by the primary care physician based on the results of the HRA and used to develop a care plan. Diagnosis code V70.9 may be submitted when the HRA results are being reviewed by an auxiliary staff member, such as a nurse or health coach, who is contacting the member to discuss the results and schedule follow-up appointments when the HRA indicates a timely intervention, would benefit the member.

When CPT code 99420 with modifier UB is submitted on the same date of service as an Evaluation and Management (E/M) service it may be necessary to append modifier 25 (separate and distinct service), to properly account for the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits.

Encounter Based Claims

FQHCs, RHCs, and IHS providers may receive reimbursement for the service described by CPT code 99420 with modifier UB separately from the encounter billed on the same day with the T1015 encounter code. Reimbursement for CPT code 99420 with modifier UB is \$25.00

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<http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1387%20Healthy%20Behaviors%20under%20the%20Iowa%20Wellness%20Plan%20and%20Markerplace%20Choice.pdf>

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<https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1415%20Claim%20Submission%20for%20the%20Health%20Risk%20Assessment.pdf>

and must be billed on a separate claim from the encounter to receive the reimbursement. Service costs related to CPT code 99420 should be reported as a non-reimbursable FQHC cost on cost report line 34 with a description of the cost or as a non-reimbursable RHC cost on cost report line 2b.

Reminder

Qualifying claims must meet the following criteria:

- Member must be receiving benefits from the Iowa Wellness Plan at the time of service.
 - This includes Iowa Wellness Plan members, medically exempt members, and members presumptively eligible for the Iowa Wellness Plan
 - Eligibility can be confirmed by calling the Eligibility Verification System (ELVS) at 1-800-338-7752 or 515-323-9639 or through the [Web Portal](#)³
- Use CPT Code 99420 with modifier UB.
- Reimbursement rate is \$25.00.
- In order to claim reimbursement, providers must use the HRA in the course of a member's care, ideally at the time of the wellness exam.

CPT Code 99420 with modifier UB is only payable once per member per year. If multiple providers utilize the results of the Assess My Health HRA into a care plan, only the first "clean" claim received is eligible for reimbursement.

Providers must register with the IME as an AssessMyHealth provider to receive a user code to gain access to HRA results. Registration instructions are included in the [Iowa Health and Wellness Plan Healthy Behaviors Program Toolkit for Providers](#)⁴.

Providers serving members enrolled in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) will not be reimbursed by Medicaid for completion of this service. Providers must work with the applicable carrier for reimbursement on services rendered and communication on assisting members in completing their healthy behaviors.

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

³ <https://ime-ediss5010.noridian.com/iowaxchange5010/LogonDisplay.do>

⁴ http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Provider%20Healthy%20Behaviors%20Toolkit_05092014.pdf